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Assignee Microsoft Corporation Title: Session-State Manager To: Honorable Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Emmanuel A. Rivera (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979) From: Customer No. 22801 RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION Sir: In response to the Office action of December 17, 2003, the response is provided as follows: Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper. The listing of the claims begins on page 8 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.